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1. A SUDDEN RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF STRIKING NURSES AND AUXILIARIES AND THE SOCIAL ASSISTANCE BOARD (JNAPS) EVENING APRIL 4 FAILED TO RESOLVE HOSPITAL STRIKE WHICH WILL NOW ENTER ITS FIFTH WEEK. ALTHOUGH WORKERS AT APRIL 4 SESSION LOWERED THEIR ORIGINAL DEMAND FOR A 70 PERCENT INCREASE TO 45 PERCENT, MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVES CONTINUED TO INSIST THAT JNAPS FINANCIAL SITUATION WOULD PERMIT INCREASE OF ONLY 15 PERCENT ORIGINALLY OFFERED. MANAGEMENT ALSO REJECTED WORKER DEMAND THAT ALL PERSONNEL FIRED AS A RESULT OF STRIKE BE REINSTATED AS PART OF SETTLEMENT CITING AS REASON FOR REFUSAL FACT THAT MANY, PARTICULARLY AUXILIARIES, HAD ALREADY BEEN PERMANENTLY REPLACED. DESPITE LACK OF PROGRESS, WORKERS AGREED TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS AFTERNOON OF

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APRIL 9 AND MANAGEMENT AGREED TO RESTUDY JNAPS FINANCIAL CONDITION

TO DETERMINE IF ITS WAGE OFFER COULD BE INCREASED.

2. EVENING APRIL 3 APPROXIMATELY 250 NICARAGUAN PHYSICIANS MET IN MANAGUA CHURCH AND RESOLVED TO CALL FOR NATION-WIDE 24 HOUR STRIKE OF DOCTORS IN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PRACTICE IF NEGOTIATIONS WERE NOT RESUMED BY NOON APRIL 5. SINCE NEGOTIATIONS DID RESUME PRIOR TO DEADLINE STRIKE WAS NOT CALLED, THOUGH THREAT MAY PRESUMABLY BE REINVOKED IF SETTLEMENT IS NOT FORTHCOMING IN NEAR FUTURE. DOCTORS ALSO DESIGNATED NATIONAL COMMISSION TO STUDY POSSIBILITY OF FORMING NEW NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION TO REPLACE EXISTING ONE CONTROLLED BY SOMOZA SUPPORTERS. LA PRENSA APRIL 5 REPORTS THAT STRIKERS HAVE APPEALED FOR PRIVATE SECTOR SUPPORT ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY AS PROFESSIONALS ARE MEMBERS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND THIS WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH SPIRIT OF SECTOR'S RECENT FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION.

3. THE NATIONAL GOVERNING COUNCIL MET AFTERNOON APRIL 4 WITH ARCHBISHOP OBANDO Y BRAVO AND BISHOPS OF GRANADA AND LEON TO DISCUSS STRIKE SITUATION. THE THREE PRELATES HAD REQUESTED THE MEETING WITH THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO A NATIONAL EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION OFFERING THE CHURCH'S GOOD OFFICES TO MEDIATE THE DISPUTE.

4. GENERAL ANASTASIO SOMOZA CONTINUED TO DENOUNCE THE STRIKERS FROM THE POLITICAL STUMP. SPEAKING AT A CAMPAIGN RALLY IN JINOTEGA MARCH 31, SOMOZA CALLED FOR A STRIKE SOLUTION "AT THE LEVEL OF THE (LIBERAL) PARTY". ISSUING A 48 HOUR ULTIMATUM FOR THE NURSES TO RETURN TO WORK OR LOSE THEIR JOBS SOMOZA ALSO THREATENED THE STRIKING DOCTORS WITH "POSSIBLE LOSS OF THEIR LICENSES" IN A CAMPAIGN SPEECH AT SAN CARLOS APRIL 2 SOMOZA PRAISED THE NURSES AND DOCTORS WHO WERE RETURNING TO WORK IN RESPONSE TO HIS ULTIMATUM, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF ANY SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF DEFECTIONS OCCURRING.  
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